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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		<b>ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER</b> Serie 6482 U.S. APPLICATION NO. If known, enter CFR 1.5) Not yet assigned <b>10/585171</b>
<b>INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.</b> PCT/FR2004/050677	<b>INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE</b> December 10, 2004	<b>PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED</b> January 19, 2004
<b>TITLE OF INVENTION</b> System for connecting the ends of fluid conduits		
<b>APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US</b> L'Air Liquide, Société Anonyme à Directoire et Conseil de Surveillance pour l'Etude et l'Exploitation des Procédés Georges Claude		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).		

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20. Other items or information:					
International Search Report					
The following fees have been submitted				CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY	
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))..... \$300				\$ 300	
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If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... \$0				\$	
All other situations.....\$200				200	
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Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority.....\$100					
International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB..... \$400					
All other situations.....\$500				500	
TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =				1,000	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) or (e) or computer program listing in an electronic medium) (37 CFR 1.492(j)). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
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CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	\$	
Total claims	13 - 20 =	0	x \$ 50	\$ 0	
Independent claims	1 - 3 =	0	x \$200	\$ 0	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360	\$	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.					
SUBTOTAL =				\$	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).				\$	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$ 40	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$	
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I hereby certify that the following documents, which are attached, are being deposited, under 37 CFR 1.10, with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service as **Express Mail No. EV 856933827 US** in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on **June 30, 2006**.

1. A copy of International Publication WO 2005/077812;
2. English translation of International Application PCT/FR2004/050677;
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney;
4. Assignment and cover sheet;
5. Preliminary Amendment;
6. IDS and Form 1449, including search report with 3 references;
7. Transmittal Under 35 USC 371 (PTO Form 1390) Fee Sheet (in duplicate);  
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8. Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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